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**THE SENSATIONAL PAPER FOR BOYS!**

# **ACTION**

14th February, 1976

EVERY MONDAY

7p

**FREE**  
**INSIDE!**

**THE  
RED  
ARROW!**

**JUST WATCH IT  
FLY!**

**STRIKER!**

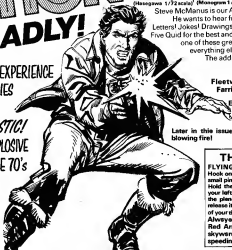
**KILLER!**

**INVADER!**

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# LOOK OUT! ACTION IS DEADLY!

YOU ARE ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE  
THE TOUGHEST STORIES  
EVER—**FAST!**  
**FIERCE! FANTASTIC!**  
ACTION IS AN EXPLOSIVE  
NEW PAPER OF THE 70's  
—READ IT AND  
GET CAUGHT  
IN THE  
BLAST!



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Thunder Chief  
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Letters! Jokes! Drawings! Anything!  
Five Quid for the best and a choice of  
one of these great prizes for  
everything else we print.  
The address to send  
em is —  
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Farringdon St.,  
London,  
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Later in this issue — see Steve  
blowing fire!



### THE RED ARROW FLYING INSTRUCTIONS

Hook one end of the elastic band on to the  
small pinion beneath the nose of the plane.  
Hold the other end of the band between  
your left thumb and forefinger, draw back  
the plane with your right hand and then  
release it. Be sure the band incrosses the top  
of your thumb to avoid the plane striking it.  
Always make sure that you use your  
Red Arrow out of doors, and aim it  
skywards at all times, so that your  
speeding plane will not hit anyone.

## THE MONEY MAN'S THROWING ££££'s AWAY!

He's a raving nutcase! He's got more money than he knows what to  
do with! Yes, every Saturday **MONEY MAN** turns up in a different  
town and **GIVES** ten quid away!! The first town is **CROYDON** —  
but watch this space to see when **MONEY MAN** turns up in YOUR  
town!

### ATTENTION ALL CROYDON READERS!

Take a good look at this photo of **MONEY MAN**. On Saturday, February  
14th, between 11 a.m. and 12 noon, **MONEY MAN** will be somewhere in  
THE WHITGIFT CENTRE, Croydon. If you spot him, go up to him and say  
"You are the **MONEY MAN** of **ACTION**!" **MONEY MAN** will give **FIVE**  
**QUID** to the first reader who challenges him and **CAN SHOW HIM A**  
**COPY OF ACTION**. And **ONE QUID** each to the following five readers to  
challenge him correctly. So make sure you're there to win **£££££**! Good  
hunting!



**There's only one rule for Dredger - There are no rules!**

# DREDGER

1973, Heathrow Airport.  
Hassan Gokbar, Prime  
Minister of Katar, is  
waiting home after  
signing an oil deal  
with Britain.

A target for Arab assassins.  
They are determined —  
Gokbar must die!

In charge of security —  
secret agent based at D.I.5.

THE AIRPORT'S  
BEEN CHECKED FOR  
SECURITY, BUT WHERE  
THE DEUCE IS  
OUR NEW AGENT —  
DREDGER!

Suddenly —

SAIDMAY'S ONLY  
WOUNDED — BUT THE  
ASSASSIN WILL FIRE AGAIN  
WHATEVER THAT FORK LIFT  
TRUCK DRIVER'S HEADING  
RIGHT FOR HIM!

THE EMBASSY  
CHAUFFEUR — HE'S AN  
ASSASSIN! LOOK OUT,  
PRIME MINISTER!

ALARM



The flight was delayed while Gadazi's wound was seen to. Dredd and Dredder were to be with him in case of further attempts.





**Next week ... Action in South America - guess whose finger's on the trigger?**

The Panzers crush. The Panzers smash. The Panzers kill!

# Hellman OF HAMMER FORCE

May 1st 1940 - the first day of Germany's lightning on the West. Across the New German ARMS to cross the Belgian border is Hammer Force led by Major Kurt Hellman, panzer commander

FIRST ACROSS THE FRONTIER - AND HAMMER FORCE SHALL BE FIRST TO GET TO THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, VICTORY!





DEUTSCHLAND,  
DEUTSCHLAND  
UNSER ALLES!

TAKE OVER, HELMHOLD!  
I'M GOING TO MY QUARTERS -  
REMEMBER, STAY FUELED AND  
KEEP AT TOP SPEED!

ALL UNITS MOVING AT TOP SPEED -  
OUR BLITZKRIEG HAS COMPLETELY  
SHOCKED THE ENEMY - EVEN THE  
BRITISH!

SIGNAL FROM BASE - HAMMER  
FORCE LEADER TO PULL OVER  
AND WAIT FOR REICHSCOMMISSAR  
FROM GOVERNMENT -  
DO SO NOW!

Perhaps, Helmsman would the rest of  
Hammer Force - as well as -

A WHOLE TWENTY MINUTES  
LOST BECAUSE I HAVE TO WAIT  
FOR SOME SLIMY NAZI TOAD -  
AND HERE HE IS - SWASTIKA  
ARM-BAND AND ALL

I AM GAULEITER KASTNER, S.S.  
- HERE TO SEE THE WAR NAZIS  
ALONG WITH THE IDEAS OF THE  
FUNKER, HEIL, HITLER! EISEN!

WHAT? GET IN  
HELMHOLD - WE ARE TO STOP  
TO WAIT FOR A  
COMMISSAR?



GERMANY'S SOLDIERS  
ARE TO FIGHT FUTHLESSLY  
- SPREADING TERROR AND  
I AM WAITING FOR YOU TO  
RETURN THE SALUTE TO  
OUR GLORIOUS FUNKER!



Suddenly -

HEIL MAJOR! OVER  
THE RIDGE - HAMMER FORCE  
IS HELD UP BY BRITISH ELITE  
TROOPS - THE GUARDS!

VERY WELL! START  
PANCER ENGINES!

MAJOR, I - I

YOU WILL SIMPLY FOUND  
THE FARM TO LURK FROM  
HEIL, HEIL MAJOR! THERE IS  
NO NEED TO WISK YOURSELF

Over the ridge, in a small farmhouse



AAGH!

WE'VE KNOCKED  
OUT ONE TANK, BUT WE CAN'T  
HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER, SIR!

LOOK, HERE COMES  
ANOTHER PANCER - THE  
LEADER. HE'LL WIP US OUT  
FROM A DISTANCE



YES - WE CAN'T  
EXPECT MERCY FROM  
LOUSY GERMANS

THERE ARE LEFT A  
FEW BRITISH LEFT. THAT  
WOULD BE PLAIN MURDER,  
I'M GOING IN!



VORWARTS!



GREEN FLAME! THE MAJOR  
IS ADVANCING AND WANTS US TO  
CONVINCE HIM THAT ANTI TANK  
POSITION IN THE FARMHOUSE



THEY'VE HIT BOTH JONES AND HARRIS ON THE FIELD GUN SITE!

AND THAT TANK'S CHARGING US! BUT I'LL STOP HIM!



SOLID OAK SPLINTERED LIKE MATCHWOOD! NOTHING CAN STOP A FRANZER!



I'LL STOP IT. I'LL GET THAT FRANZER BEFORE I DIE!

SURRENDER, ENGLANDER, OR...



I OPEN FIRE!

AAR!

SO YOUR SCHMEISSER'S JAMMED, MAJOR! WELL, NOW I'M GOING TO PUNISH YOUR FRANZER - AT POINT BLANK RANGE!



ACH - CURSE THE THING!



I THINK NOT, ENGLANDER!



YOUR GUN IS SMASHED - SURRENDER! YOU ARE A BRAVE MAN, BUT I HAVE A RAZOR SHARP SWORD ON THE HILL WHO IS LONGING TO SEE YOU AND YOUR MEN BLASTED TO BITS.

I'VE NO CHOICE, BUT IT WAS A GOOD FIGHT, MAJOR.



IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CONVENIENT TO HAVE WIRED ALL THE BRITISH OUT. I MUST ASK FOR EXPLANATION OF YOUR ACTION, HERR MAJOR.

THERE IS A SIMPLE ONE - I AM A SOLDIER, NOT A BUTCHER!



THE MAN HAS NO RESPECT FOR ME. I WILL SEND IN A REPORT TO THE HEADQUARTERS, BERLIN.

RAMMER FORCE MOVES OUT! PART! IT'S A LONG WAY TO THE CHANNEL.

COMING ALONG, HERR KASTNER? YOU'LL HAVE TO BE QUICK!



SO THAT LITTLE DICTATOR IS STICKING WITH US, BUT EVEN IN WAR THERE MUST BE HONOUR. RAMMER FORCE ISN'T GOING TO FIGHT HIS WAY - AS LONG AS I LEAD IT!

Next week - Trapped in a Burning Inferno!

He had style and a hard punch. Too bad he was going blind...

Jack Barron, a young up-and-coming heavyweight known in the ring as "Blackjack", has always dreamed of winning the World Championship. Now, in the fourth round of his seventh fight, he seems to be coasting to an easy victory over "Irish" Tom Tully...

# BLACK JACK

FOURTH ROUND AND TULLY HASN'T LANDED A PUNCH ON BLACKJACK YET!

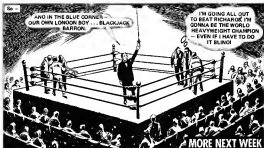
WE GOT THIS ONE WRAPPED UP, SOLLY. JACK'S RUNNIN' RINGS ROUND THIS DODGE!





Over the next few weeks the newspapers screamed the story of Jack Barrow's meteoric rise -





MORE NEXT WEEK

PSST! KEEP IT DARK-THERE ARE SURPRISES COMING IN ACTION!

THE ADDRESS  
TO SEND ALL YOUR  
LETTERS TO IS  
**ACTION**  
FLEETWAY HOUSE  
FARRINGDON STREET  
LONDON  
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## SO WHAT?

AN AMERICAN BIRD FANCIER ONCE  
TRAINED HER PET  
COCKATOO TO ROLLER-SKATE

## KNOWALL

Got a question you want to ask on Sport? Films? Crime? Anything! **KNOW ALL's** got ALL the answers! Here are some questions the **ACTION** staff threw at him —

## UNDER A QUID

Each week the **ACTION** bestbuy spinner makes a lightning tour of the shops to find out what's good for less than £1! First choice is a Secret Agent pen, only 25p! (as one end is written in INVISIBLE message... use the other end to find out what the message is all about. If your mate has one in mind, you can send each other secret messages as one also will be able to cook. If the pen's not in your local shop, Winkley's of Regent Street, London, W1, will take orders by post (postage and packing 15p).



**Who was the last English heavyweight champion of the world?**

The only one was Robert Fitzsimmons, born in England and moved to New Zealand at the age of five. He was champ from 1897-99 after he beat J. J. Corbett in Carson City. He also held the middleweight title 1891-95 and the light heavyweight title from 1903-1905.

**When were the National Archery championships started?**

In 1844 at York. This was when the York Round started (72 arrows shot at 100 yards, 48 arrows at 80 yards, 24 arrows at 60 yards).

**What are the symptoms of sleeping sickness disease?**

There are three stages — 1) enlarged glands and rapid pulse. 2) Hands, legs and tongue start to tremble. Eyes go vacant. Speech becomes slurred. 3) Feeling lazy, wasting of the muscles and death.

**Who were the first team to do the league and cup double this century?**

Tottenham Hotspur 1960-61. Their team was as follows: Brown, Henry, Baker, Mackay, Norman, Blanchflower, Oyston, White, Smith, Allen, Jones.

**How old do you have to be to take flying lessons?**

17. Lessons have to be taken at an approved flying school — approved, that is, by the Civil Aviation Authority, and you'll have to go through a medical examination.

**If you could trap a flash of lightning somehow, could you use the electricity for power?**

Yes. But it is not possible — lightning is so powerful and strikes so fast — up to 1,000 miles/sec — it could never be done.

Send your questions to **KNOWALL** at the address shown on this page. **KNOWALL** regrets he can only answer questions on this page.

## GRUMBLE and GROANS dept.

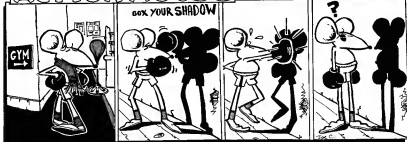
Here's your chance to get something off your chest! If there's something you're jaded off about... something you bought, maybe, which didn't work... or if you think you've had a raw deal... write in to our Grumble & Groans Dept. We'll do our best to sort out your problems!

## GUESS WHAT?

Any ideas? The answer is on our web - ACTION



## ACTION MOUSE



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Football was Alec's dream-Grice turned it into a nightmare!







In our next issue-the bloodsucker digs deep into Alec's pocket!

**When Hook Jaw strikes—you only scream once!**

# HOOK JAW



The injured Great White succumbed quickly.



After gorging itself on its prey, the shark moved off to its breeding ground.

TH- THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF ALI

THE KILLER STILL HAS THE HOOK IN ITS JAW. IT SHOULD BE A WARNING TO ANYONE ELSE WHO SEES IT!

Divers were reporting the rise when Rick Moon, Chief diver, spotted -

SHARKS! LOOK OUT!

IT'S HOOK JAW! GET OUT OF HERE!

A year later, in June 1973, an oil drilling platform was moved into the area. The killer shark had been nicknamed "Hook Jaw" by the newspapers after the incident - but it had not been encountered for some time, not until the oil men found their new drilling site...



THE BRUTE'S BITTEN WAGNER'S LEGS OFF!

THAT'S TO MAKE OUT I'M NOT SCARED - EVEN THOUGH I'M SCARED LIKE HELL!



I GOT RID OF IT. HECK, NOW HOOK JAW'S AFTER SANNON! ITS FIN HAS SLASHED HIS AIR HOSE!

HE'S PANICKED - RISING TOO FAST. THE DECOMPRESSION WILL KILL HIM - BEEN TOO DEEP TOO LONG.

On the rig - Red McNally - the oil rig boss - scowled.



WHAT'S GOIN' ON DOWN THERE, GREASED? I PAY THESE DIVERS TOP MONEY - SO WHY AIN'T THEY SCARIN' OFF THE SHARK?

NITROGEN NARCOSIS. IF YA SURFACE TOO FAST, WITHOUT STOPPING TO DECOMPRESS, THE NITROGEN IN YOUR BLOOD VESSELS EXPANDS UNTIL YOUR BODY EXPLODES. THE FOOL SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER!



THERE IT IS! I'LL PLUS THE CRITTER WITH MY FIRST SLUG.

MURALLY'S FULL OF BIG TALK - BUT IT'S NOT SO EASY TO HIT AN UNDERWATER TARGET.



IT'S DARNONE! WHAT - HE'S BLOWN UP!

While the sharks finished Benson, Mason surfaced.



IT WAS HOOK JAW AGAIN, MURALLY. I TOLD YOU IT WAS CRAZY DRILLING FOR OIL IN A SHARKS NURSERY. YOU GOTTA MOVE THIS RIG!

SHUDDUP! THIS IS THE BEST SPOT. OIL WILL MAKE MY FORTUNE - AIN'T NOthin' GONNA STOP ME!



YOU'RE MAD, MURALLY - MAD WITH GREED! NOW FOUR DIVERS HAVE DIED - HORRIBLY - THANKS TO THAT TWO TON NIGHTMARE, HOOK JAW. THERE'S NO NETS DEEP ENOUGH TO KEEP HIM OUT!

LOST YOUR NERVE, HUNT I'LL KILL YOUR PRECIOUS HOOK JAW FOR YA, MASON. GET THE CHOPPER READY.



YOU MISSED. HOOK JAW'S TOO FAST FOR YOU!



ALL RIGHT, YA CRITTER - THIS TIME I'LL GET YA GOOD!



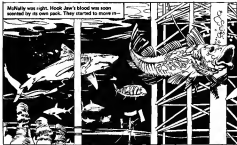
REAL GOOD!



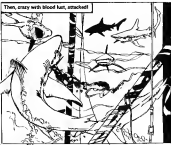
YOU DID IT!

YAHOO! LOOK AT THAT BLOOD. NOW THE OTHER SHARKS WILL RIP THE CRITTER TO BITS - BACK TO THE RIG!

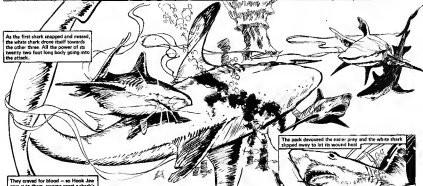
Murphy was right. Hook Jew's blood was soon wanted by its own pack. They started to move in—



Then, crazy with blood lust, attacked!



As the first shark snatched and tossed, the white shark dove itself toward the other three. All the power of its twenty-two foot long body going into the attack.



They moved for blood -- so Hook Jew gave it to them, ripping apart a shark's underbelly with its hook.



The pack devoured the sick gray and the white shark stopped every to let its wound heal.



**MORE NEXT WEEK**

**If 'Action' doesn't make your hair stand on end--you must be bald!**

# LES COLLINS



— tipped to ride for England!

**66** If you fancy a sport that's Action-plus, be a speedway rider! I know it's got its dangers — but you just forget 'em when you're hurtling round the track on your bike with the cinders flying and the crowd roaring. I've been lucky so far — a bashed knee is my worst injury.

I'm seventeen, by the way, and started racing about four years ago on grass track. It's similar to speedway — but the surface is so bumpy — you've really got to control your bike.

Then I went on to speedway with junior races at Belle Vue and Ellesmere Port. My big break came when I was loaned to Crewe last year. It was fantastic, 'cos I was up against top riders in the New National League!

Towards the end of the season I had the chance to race against my famous brother Pete. (We're all speedway crazy in our house. Even my youngest brother Steve (9) and sis Stella ride.) Pete reckoned I did well — but I won't be happy till I beat him! He's really a great bloke and has taught me a lot. He gave me my first bike, y'know.

Did you see him at Wembley in last year's World Championship Final? What a thrill. I know I've got a heck of a lot more to learn, but that's the target I've set myself — to ride in the World Championship, too. That'd really be something!

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## TWIT OF THE WEEK

Is there some really well known guy (or girl) who makes you CRINGE? A famous radio D.J., an actor, a t.v. celebrity — anyone who you really think is a TWIT? Well let us know on Action is planning a regular TWIT OF THE WEEK spot! Send your nominations to TWIT OF THE WEEK, ACTION, IPC Magazines Ltd., Farnborough St., London EC4 4AD. (If you feel like letting us know WHY he's a twit, so much the better!)



## VOTE

## IN ACTION

I like \_\_\_\_\_



Dislike \_\_\_\_\_



Send this coupon with your letter



++ ACTION is the paper of the 70's ++

They called Len Walker a slob...and they were right!

# SPORT'S NOT FOR LOSERS!

As winners for the 110 extra hurdles take their marks in the last event of a hard fought A-levels meeting between Barnet Hares and their local rivals, star prepster Len Walker knows everything depends on fate.



IT'S UP TO ME TO TAKE FIRST PLACE FOR BARNETCASTLE SO WE GET SNAGASH POINTS TO WIN THE RACE - AND I'M GONNA DO IT



FIRST HURDLE'S COMING UP. GOTTA FLOW SMOOTHLY OVER IT -



—JUST LIKE COACH TAUGHT ME



JUST ME AND THEIR MAN OUT FRONT ...



FOUR HURDLES TO GO NOW - THIS GUY'S FAST - BUT I CAN TAKE HIM!



THE WALKER KID'S CLOSING THE GAP - HE'S GOING TO TAKE THE LEAD -

YOU AIN'T SHOWING ME UP, SHOWTY -





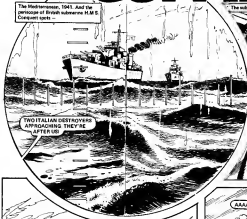
Can Layabout Len kick the smoking habit?

MORE NEXT WEEK

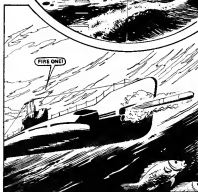
*She was a steel tomb—in which 60 men would die.*

# THE COFFIN SUB

The *Hood* returns, 1941. And the periscope of British submarine *H.M.S. Conquest* spots...



The sub's captain, Lieutenant Commander Mark Kane, looked grim.



The second destroyer laid a pattern of depth charges.



Explosives rocked the sub...







I'LL TRY EVERY SECOND COUNT!



But the leak had shorted the electrical equipment and an explosion ripped through the submarine.

IT'S MOVING...  
I... LAUGH!



THE OUTRUSH OF AIR IS CARRYING ME TO THE SURFACE. BUT MY MEN—



NONE OF THEM GOT OUT IN TIME. THEY'RE ALL LYING AT THE BOTTOM IN THE SUB... DEAD.



I DEREGISTERED THEM. I WAS THEIR CAPTAIN— I SHOULD HAVE GONE DOWN WITH MY SHIP. IT WAS MY DUTY— I SHOULD HAVE DIED TOO.



Although H.M.S. Conquest went down with all hands, she had sunk in shallow water off North Africa. The Royal Navy had her salvaged and refitted.



THE INQUIRY INTO THE TRAGIC DEATHS ON 'CONQUEST' CLEARED YOU OF ALL BLAME, KANE. NOW WE'VE HAD HER RAISED AND REFITTED. WE ARE SHOWING OUR CONFIDENCE IN YOU BY GIVING YOU YOUR OLD COMMAND.



The new crew stared at Kane curiously...

SO THAT'S CAPTAIN KANE, BLIMBY. LOOK AT HIS EYES— I'VE SEEN EYES LIKE THAT BEFORE SOMEWHERE...

YEAH. LOOKS LIKE HE'S LIVING A PRIVATE NIGHTMARE.



I'VE SEEN THEM EYES ON A MATE OF MINE, BACK AT DUNKIRK. HE'D BEEN WOUNDED PRETTY BADLY— AND ALL HE WANTED WAS TO DIE.

AND KANE IS CAPTAIN OF A SUB BROUGHT BACK FROM THE DEAD. I DON'T LIKE IT. IF YOU AGREE WE'RE SAILING IN A COFFIN SUB!

**Next week—The coffin sub on a one way trip to death!**

**PANIC!**



# DANGER!

# DISASTER!



**BLACK JACK'S DOWN  
IN THE MOST SAVAGE  
FIGHT OF HIS CAREER!**

**PLUS**

**The Mad Money Man's on the loose again. Where will he turn up next?**



**PLUS** THE BOY WHO COULD BE TOMORROW'S WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMP

**PLUS** "LET'S FACE IT" — A GREAT SOCCER PHOTO QUIZ!

**PLUS**  
**COMING SOON**

**ACTION MAN WRESTLING  
WITH  
A TEN FOOT BOA  
CONSTRUCTOR!**

# MAGNUM FORCE

**DON'T MISS ACTION NEXT WEEK!**

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HAND THIS COUPON TO YOUR NEWSAGENT

## DISCUSSION



**Hi. My Name's Steve**  
**Steve McMichael of Action**  
 of guys think I'm Miss. McMichael  
 us a little brother. **Now I**  
 now I've got this new **sw**  
 Easy than **sw**  
 Editor had to **BIG IDEA**  
 of getting **sw**  
 real **sw** **ACTION**

**MAN!** If you, or a friend, don't take my advice, you don't! He's a thick-skulled idiot who shows trucks in the street at full moon and whose sharp teeth on highway babies, I said there were normal. But so, so like a doc's "my patient" dotted line — and he's a doctor — to do anything "my patient" suggest I don't mind and I don't like my first stunts. If you're a foot or two from him, you're down at Gerry Cottle's. You'll be fine. The Ed who's going along and do *zooooo* of the wooden leg you're "bimber" vanished. So off you — *blat*. Bimber! It's not as easy as it looks. At one stage my face became nearly caught tight and this is our getting really hot until "Well, I'm a photographer" (Puh-lease) bucket of water over me! So now, you try it! Well, I gotta go now, so see what the Ed says I need for my next stunt. **See my next issue!**

What crazy capers would you like Steve to do? Send your ideas to **ACTION MAN** at the Action address.



"Make me a man who looks like my son... Then kill him!"

# THE RUNNING MAN









**WARNING to nervous readers - DON'T buy ACTION!**

IN  
**ACTION**  
NEXT  
WEEK!

You've read the story of **HOOK JAW** — well, next week we're giving away this horrifying **IRON-ON TRANSFER** of him! A **HUGE 212mm x 153mm**, **HOOK JAW** will look ferocious on your tee-shirt, denim jacket or kithag!



**HOOKJAW**



**SOCCER  
SUPER  
STARS**  
*of Britain*

The week after's free gift is **SIXTEEN** cards of **SOCCER SUPER STARS OF BRITAIN!** Who will **YOU** get Pat Jennings? Colin Todd? Gerry Francis? Altogether there are **64 Soccer stars** — so you can pick your own **TEAM FOR BRITAIN** by swapping with your mates!

See ya  
next  
week!

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